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25th Anniversary Year of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act.

View the video of this historic event.

Department of Justice's website: http://www.ada.gov/ada_25th_anniversary/index.html

We were fighters: An interview with Connie Martinez

Impact is a magazine published by the Institute on Community Integration (UCEDD) & Research and Training Center on Community Living.

The Winter 2015 issue of **Impact** is on the **ADA and People with Intellectual, Developmental, and Other Disabilities**. There is an excellent interview with **Connie Martinez** who was, in 1988-89, a member of the Task Force on the Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities. The interview reflects her experience with the task force and the ADA's impact on people's lives.

Among other aspects of her life, Ms. Martinez is a former member of Capitol People 1st and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Read this issue of [Impact](#).

Prevent Drowning!

5 Crucial Facts:

- Drowning is the leading cause of injury death for children ages 1-4.
 - Young children most often drown in an unsecured backyard pool owned by a family member, friend, or neighbor
 - Most child drowning victims were not expected to be in or near the water but slipped away unnoticed while adults were distracted by routine activities.
 - Many drowning victims were missing for only a few minutes before being discovered in the pool.
 - Drowning is swift and silent. There is no splashing sound or cry for help. Brain damage and death can occur within 2 to 5 minutes.
- From the ***Drowning Prevention Foundation's*** brochure, [Children Drown in Silence](#)

The Arc's New Employment Resource

“With nearly 65 years of experience working with and serving people with I/DD, including autism, **The Arc is launching an exciting new valuable resource called [TalentScout](#) for employers to unlock the talents of people with autism in the workplace.** TalentScout is a first of its kind resource toolkit that gives employers essential insight and tools that harnesses their employees with autism fullest potential and leads to higher levels of productivity in the workplace.

TalentScout is only one component of [TheArc@Work](#), which is leading the way in developing innovative workforce solutions for the government and private sector by connecting employers with talented employees with I/DD and supporting the recruitment, on-boarding, and retention process. To learn more [visit TheArc@Work's website today!](#)”

Lifelong Learning Skills

Lifelong Learning Skills for College and Career Readiness: Considerations for Education Policy

“Lifelong Learning Skills (LLS) provide the foundation for learning and working. They broadly support student thinking, self-management, and social interaction, enabling the pursuit of education and career goals. Collectively, LLS are the means by which students master academic content and translate knowledge into action.

There is a growing consensus among researchers that LLS are discretely identifiable and actionable levers of support for college and career readiness and success objectives. In an attempt to highlight this and consolidate some of the key evidence behind LLS, the College and Career Readiness and Success (CCRS) Center has developed an annotated bibliography, which summarizes a broadly applicable and representative sample of LLS research.”

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